



October 29, 2001

The Honorable Greg Walden
U.S. House of Representatives
1404 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: ACWA Support for HR 2829 / Via Facsimilie: 225.5774

ACWA's mission is to ensure that the water resources of California are managed in a way that is consistent with the state's water policy and the needs of its citizens.

Dear Congressman Walden,

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) supports your HR 2829, the Sound Science for Endangered Species Act Planning Act of 2001. ACWA's 438 public water agencies members are collectively responsible for over 90% of the water delivered in the state for residential, agricultural and industrial uses.

As you know, the best intentions of the Endangered Species Act are often lost in the complex processes surrounding its enforcement. ACWA members support efforts to improve the level of stakeholder involvement in ESA decisions, and enhance the role of peer-reviewed science in leading up to and continuing after an ESA listing.

These goals are faithfully carried in the language of HR 2829 which, if enacted, would vastly improve the ESA process. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of reform of the ESA. Our members look forward to working with you in the months ahead to pass this important legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact our Washington, DC office at 202.434.4760.

Sincerely,

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